

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
December 5, 2011**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on December 5, 2011 in Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John M. Horn, LPN, Chairperson
Louise D. Hartz, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Brenda Krohn, RN, MS, Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Amanda Blount, Adjudication Specialist

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Betty Worthington, CNA 1401-055818; RMA 0031-000545**
Ms. Worthington appeared, accompanied by her son, David Worthington.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:19 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Worthington. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 9:52 A.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Hartz moved to issue an order of reprimand to Betty Worthington.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Worthington unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Worthington within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Debby Handy, CNA 1401-122942

Ms. Handy appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:04 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Handy. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:10 A.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Hartz moved to issue an order of reprimand to Debby Handy with a finding of abuse and neglect.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Handy unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Handy within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Crystal Scott, CNA 1401-113665

Ms. Scott did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Scott. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:45 A.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Hartz moved to issue an order of reprimand to Crystal Scott with a finding of abuse and neglect. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Scott unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Scott within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Brittany N. McDaniel, CNA 1401-113088

Ms. McDaniel did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:48 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. McDaniel. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:55 A.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Hartz moved to issue an order of reprimand to Brittany McDaniel. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. McDaniel unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. McDaniel within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Brigitte Hopkins, CNA Applicant

Ms. Hopkins appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:10 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the

matter of Ms. Hopkins. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:17 A.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Hartz moved to issue an order to approve Brigitte Hopkins' application to take the NNAAP examination for certification as a nurse aide and issue an unrestricted certificate.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Hopkins unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Hopkins within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Vonda Austin, LPN Reinstatement Applicant 0002-054914

Ms. Austin appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:33 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Austin. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 1:47 P.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Hartz moved to issue an order to deny Vonda Austin's petition for reinstatement of her license to practice as a practical nurse in Virginia and continue her license on indefinite suspension until such time as she can appear

before the Board and provide sufficient evidence that she is safe and competent to resume practice.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Austin unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Austin within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Robbin M. Young, RN Applicant

Ms. Young appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:07 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Young. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:13 P.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Hartz moved to issue an order to reinstate the license of Robbin Young to practice as a practical nurse and to issue an unrestricted license. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Young unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Young within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Charissa C. Simon, RMA 0031-005085

Ms. Simon appeared, accompanied by her mother, and a friend.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:50 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Simon. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms.

Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 3:00 P.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Hartz moved to issue an order of reprimand to Charissa Simon. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Simon unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Simon within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Suzanne W. Barrell, RN Reinstatement Applicant 0001-097263
Ms. Barrell appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:24 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Barrell. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 3:38 P.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Hartz moved to issue an order to reinstate the license of Suzanne Barrell to practice as registered nurse contingent upon the Board receiving from Ms. Barrell a mental health/substance abuse evaluation by a Board approved counselor and compliance with the recommendations of the evaluation. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Barrell unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Barrell within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Kathie A. Adams, LPN Reinstatement Applicant 0002-064163

Ms. Adams appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 4:18 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Adams. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:29 P.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Hartz moved to issue an order of reprimand to Kathie Adams and issue an order to reinstate the license of Ms. Adams to practice as a practical nurse and issue an unrestricted license.. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Adams unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Adams within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director

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TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 11:30 A.M. on December 5, 2011 in Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John M. Horn, LPN, Chairperson
Louise D. Hartz, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Kleiner, R.N. Discipline Case Manager

PRESENTED FOR CLOSURE/ADVICE:

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:30 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation regarding case disposition. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved Ms. Kleiner attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and her presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:45 A.M.

Ms. Hartz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Investigative reports regarding one registered nurse was reviewed.

ACTION: Ms. Hartz moved to offer the above individual a prehearing consent order in lieu of further administrative proceedings.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Linda Kleiner, R.N.
Discipline Case Manager